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Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

Sunday 12.00pm

DAILY MASS

M W Th F 8.30am

Tues 6.00pm

CONFESSION

Sat 4.00pm–4.45pm
or by appointment.

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OUR MISSION

*We are called to gather for worship,
celebrate the paschal mysteries,
preach the Gospel, minister to others,
and be witnesses to the world.*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021**

**Listen to God's call in the
voice around you.**

FILL US ALL WITH

Peace

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A DEEP CHANGE OF HEART

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

150TH ANNIVERSARY HOLY MASS HONORING EDUCATORS

All current / Retired Educators are invited to attend Mass on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 10.00am.

Please help us plan by contacting the parish office and let us know how many will be attending...(904) 261-3472.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8)

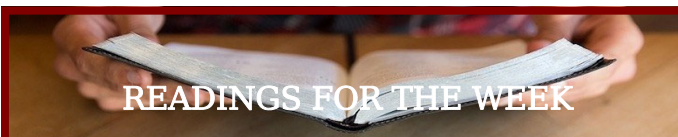
The Immaculate Conception, a solemnity, is the patronal feast of the United States. It is one of the few Holy days of obligation on the Church calendar — that is, all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on this day. As this feast occurs early in Advent, it is a perfect time to consider Mary and her important role in the celebration of Christmas.

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, *Ineffably Deus*, clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. In proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma of the Church, the pope expressed precisely and clearly that Mary was conceived free from the stain of original sin.

This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians.

LITURGY AND MINISTRY



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SAVE THE DATE

ST. MICHAEL'S

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 18th, 19th & 20th - 2022

Be sure to mark your calendars TODAY and save the dates...February 18, 19 & 20, 2022.

Watch your email and parish bulletin for additional updates and information coming soon.

FROM THE DIOCESE HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (904) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dosafl.com. To report abuse by a bishop (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org



BRING YOUR GIFTS!

DICKENS ON CENTRE

DECEMBER 10th 5-9

DECEMBER 11TH 10-9

DECEMBER 12TH 10-7

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

We will be hosting a gift-wrapping booth at the
Dickens festival!

Bring your gifts or come and shop from more than 50 holiday vendors. Enjoy a full slate of entertainment along with all kinds of holiday experiences.



THANKSGIVING MASS 2021



Thank you to our families that participated in our Thanksgiving Liturgy. The parents and children processed into the church with items that represented Thanksgiving. The items were placed on plates that were laid in front of the 2 cornucopias, symbols of abundance and nourishment.

PARISH IN ACTION



This Week

2nd week of Advent
12/05/2021

Listen to God's call in the voice around you.

• **Ministry Fair outside the Church**

Plan to join your fellow parishioners, after all masses Saturday – December 4th and Sunday – December 5th for St. Michael's Ministry Fair in front of the church. Learn more about the many ministries supported by our parish. Discover new opportunities where you can help to take our parish from good to great. Many thanks for all you currently do to support our parish.

• **Gift card distribution for the families. (Angel Tree)**

The weeks of Advent remind us to set aside some of the hectic business of the holiday season, and to quietly reflect on the promise of the baby born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. The Bible readings listed below relate to the Advent themes of waiting, preparation, light in the darkness, and the coming of the promised Messiah.

Second Week of Advent

Sunday Romans 15:4-13

Monday Psalms 43:3-6

Tuesday Psalms 27:1-4

Wednesday Psalms 119:105-106

Thursday John 12:35-36

Friday Ephesians 5:6-14

Saturday 1 Peter 2:5-9

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8 The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are: Vigil Mass:

Tuesday 6.00PM

Wednesday 8.30 AM, 6.00PM

What Are You Giving Baby JESUS For Christmas?

This Advent St. Michael's Parish will be giving a special Birthday Gift to Baby Jesus by honoring His Mother, and the Unborn. We are Adopting One Hour during Advent to participate in a Rosary/Song Procession at A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville, **4131 University Blvd South, Bldg #2**. Please join Deacon Art Treadwell as he leads us in the Rosary and prayer from **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10th**. Please call Kim (904) 557-6147 with any questions.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021
God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.
— Baruch 5:7



If you are interested in becoming Catholic or are a baptized Catholic seeking First Eucharist and Confirmation, You may register on our website or by calling the office at 261-3472. Classes are held from 8.00 -9:45am in Green House.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

If you have a child/children to be baptized, it is mandatory that at least one parent attend a baptism class. It is held on the last Thursday of the month, If you plan to attend, please call the parish office to register, 904 -261-3472.

St. Michael Men's Club

St Michael Men's Club Meeting 6 Dec 2021

The next meeting of St Michael Men's Club will be on Monday, 6 December 2021, at 11:30 hours, at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road, Fernandina Beach, FL.

Our speaker will be Father Ernie Davis speaking about the magic of Bethlehem. Father Ernie's talk will be particularly inspiring and appropriate as this is the last meeting of St Michael Men's Club before Christmas and the New Year. You may reserve your lunch by responding to 904-206-3884 or by email to cmfynn@bellsouth.net. Please plan on joining us. We need to give the caterer a head count, so please let us know if you plan to attend. You can pay at the door.

Special Collection

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend, December 11, 12 to Support the Retired Religious.

Nassau Community Band

Enjoy sounds of the Christmas season from the Nassau Community Band. The concert is in our Parish Hall on Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. The band will entertain and delight you for about an hour. We will also have a small sing-a-long. The Nassau Community Band is a non-profit band made up of local musicians (including a few St. Michael parishioners!). Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Hope to see you December 9th!



Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book in the church. Please pray for the sick and those who have died especially our Parishioners. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

OFFERTORY November 21, 28

Registered Parishioners	3866	
Offertory	\$ 15,663.25	\$ 17,304.05
Online Giving	\$ 5,366.90	\$ 10,784.05
Children's Collection	\$ 56.05	\$ 58.75
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 1,485.00
Online Debt Reduction	\$ 637.50	\$ 804.50
TOTAL	\$ 23,798.70	\$ 30,436.35

NEEDED AMOUNT

\$ 24,152.00 per week



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday December 4</u>	<u>5.00 pm</u>
Lectors	Regina Lee, Anne Golden
Ushers	Pam Vieser, Kathy Clarke
EMs	Mary Elwell, Marilyn Fillion, Bonnie Gero
Altar Servers	Camren Schmack, Jonah Lents, Zander Sellers
<u>Sunday December 5</u>	<u>8.00 am</u>
Lectors	Pinky Guevara, Karen Cook
Ushers	Larry Moore, Dawn Lunt
EMs	Kathy Szabo, Helen Tufaro, Mary Walker
Altar Servers	Tom Oden, Tom Duffy
<u>Sunday December 5</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
Lectors	Sara Quinn, Mark Pollack
Ushers	John Martin, Kathy Clarke
EMs	Andy Godek, Shelly Nordlinger, Greg Shurman
Altar Servers	Emma Godek, Elizabeth Godek, McKayla Pollack
<u>Sunday December 5</u>	<u>12.00 pm</u>
Lectors	Cece Brassell, Bob Loveless
Ushers	Kathy Clarke, Scott Kerbert
EMs	Celeste Amos, Charlene Bratton, Melissa Howard
Altar Servers	Piper Kebert, Audrey Kebert, Jadelyn Duran
<u>Saturday December 11</u>	<u>5.00 pm</u>
Lectors	Bart Kreger, Marie Fenn
Ushers	Pam Vieser, Kathy Clarke
EMs	Peggy Fuller, Frank Gallo, JoAnne Gallo
Altar Servers	Brooklyn Doratio, Dominic Cortes, Camren Schmack
<u>Sunday December 12</u>	<u>8.00 am</u>
Lectors	Maggie Schweitzer, John Barada
Ushers	Larry Moore, Dawn Lunt
EMs	Pam Stumpp, Anne Velazquez, Eddie Velazquez
Altar Servers	Paul Donovan, Greg Shurman
<u>Sunday December 12</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
Lectors	Sean McGill, Patty Truax Stewart
Ushers	John Martin, Kathy Clarke
EMs	Julie Eby, Susan Schweitzer, Terri Turner
Altar Servers	Harrison Pollack, Quintin Thompson-Davoli, Sydney Wagnstrom
<u>Sunday December 12</u>	<u>12.00 pm</u>
Lectors	Anne Maliwauki, Jan Smith
Ushers	Kathy Clarke, Scott Kerbert
EMs	Pat Avakian, Mary Caserta, Jan Smith
Altar Servers	Rory Heyden, Liam Heyden, Violet Herbert.

PARISH CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS			PARISH EVENTS
Saturday December 4	5.00pm	Charles McCall Jr. <i>By Elizabeth Stoner</i>	Parish Ministry Fair
Sunday December 5	8am	St. Michaels Parishioners	RCIA class 8.00– 10.00am Green House
	10am	Don Fuller <i>By Peggy Fuller</i>	Parish Ministry Fair
	12.00pm	Suzanne Buttino <i>By John & Diane Svela</i>	
Monday December 6	8.30am	James Delanie <i>By Tony & Denise Crawford</i>	Beatitude Catholic Bible Study 1.00pm Parish Hall
Tuesday December 7	6.00pm	Joan Manaster (Return to health) <i>Kevin & Maureen Conboy</i>	Tuesday Bible Study 10.00 am Parish Hall K of C Bible Study 6.00pm Parish Hall
Wednesday December 8	8.30am	Cecil Brewer <i>By Lents Family</i>	Crafts Ministry 9.30AM – 12.00PM, Parish Hall Maureen Choir Practice, 5:30 – 7:30pm, Church Religious Formation Class 6.00– 7.30 pm SMA
	6.00pm	Lorraine Johnson <i>By Kevin & Maureen Conboy</i>	
Thursday December 9	8.30am	Davids Mom <i>By Tony & Denise Crawford</i>	Respect Life Meeting 9.45 am Parish Hall
Friday December 10	8.30am	Rod McKim <i>By Kevin & Maureen Conboy</i>	
Saturday December 11	5.00pm	Dorothy Harkins <i>By Ellen & George Twill</i>	
Sunday December 12	8am	St. Michaels Parishioners	RCIA class 8.00– 10.00am Green House
	10am	Virginia Zanatich <i>By Regina Lee</i>	
	12.00pm	Maureen Brands <i>By Alfred Brands</i>	

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